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 3 Jesse Geller, Chairman
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   Kate Poverman
 6 Johanna Schneider
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   Town Staff:
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   Maria Morelli, Senior Planner
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   Applicant:
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS: 7:03 p.m.
- 2 MR. GELLER: We are opening this public
- 3 meeting. See, I was paying attention last time.
- 4 This is continuing on our review of the decision in
- 5 the case of 420 Harvard.
- 6 And circulated earlier, at the end of last
- 7 week, was a revised draft of the decision as well as
- 8 a copy of the waivers, which, based on my eyes, was
- 9 the same as the last version we saw. There was also
- 10 a waiver schedule that was attached that I thought
- 11 was particularly helpful.
- For the record, tonight's hearing is being
- 13 attended -- moving from the left to the right because
- 14 of Ms. Schneider's conversation. Left to my own
- 15 devices, I would have moved from the right -- Kate
- 16 Poverman, Johanna Schneider, Jesse Geller, and Lark
- 17 Palermo, freshly back from Barcelona and London.
- 18 So let's take a look at tonight's
- 19 decision -- or this decision -- and just run through
- 20 remaining comments.
- 21 MS. POVERMAN: I just sent my comments to
- 22 Maria.
- MR. GELLER: Oh, you are so much smarter
- 24 than me.

- 1 MS. MORELLI: I'm prepared.
- MS. POVERMAN: I thought that's what we
- 3 were supposed to do.
- 4 MS. MORELLI: No. Everyone marked their
- 5 own. I'm not collating.
- 6 MR. GELLER: So did Maria just give you
- 7 what was yours?
- 8 MS. MORELLI: Yes.
- 9 MR. GELLER: All right. So as we did
- 10 before, what I'm going to do is -- we're just going
- 11 to march through this. And if somebody has a comment
- 12 on a section, jump in.
- I will tell that you my first comment is
- 14 No. 5 of the findings. Maybe it's No. 5 of the
- 15 findings. It's not, actually. It's the procedural
- 16 history, descriptions of plans, page 3. In that,
- 17 where you inserted the word "waivers key," it's
- 18 actually called "waiver key."
- 19 MS. MORELLI: Okay. Thank you.
- 20 MR. GELLER: So I don't care what you call
- 21 it. Just be accurate.
- Okay. 6, "the Brookline Zoning Board of
- 23 Appeals."
- And then my suggestion to you because, I

- 1 caught one reference where it was referred to us as
- 2 "the ZBA" rather than "the board," put in
- 3 parenthetical the board or the ZBA, and then you
- 4 don't have to chase down all the alternates.
- 5 Paragraph 11, the fourth line, "and an
- 6 independent traffic peer reviewer." We also need to
- 7 speak about the -- or reference the independent
- 8 parking.
- 9 MS. MORELLI: There was none in this case.
- 10 MR. GELLER: There wasn't?
- MS. MORELLI: No. There were no stackers,
- 12 so...
- 13 MR. GELLER: We got rid of them early
- 14 enough? Okay.
- And get rid of the conjunction "and" in the
- 16 third line after "heads" and before "independent."
- 17 MS. POVERMAN: I have a couple of comments.
- 18 Do you want them now, or just --
- 19 MR. GELLER: Go.
- 20 MS. POVERMAN: In paragraph 6, first line,
- 21 capitalize "applicant."
- 22 And in paragraph 11, in the second-to-last
- 23 line, it starts "environmental health and safety,"
- 24 add "traffic," between "site and building design."

- 1 MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, what about the
- 2 independent traffic peer reviewer in the line before
- 3 that? Isn't that redundant?
- 4 MS. POVERMAN: Well, it's says that they
- 5 reviewed these things. So the traffic guy helped us
- 6 review traffic, so it's not really redundant because
- 7 he helped us review traffic.
- 8 MR. GELLER: I also don't think you need a
- 9 comma after "site" before the conjunction.
- 10 MS. POVERMAN: Site and building design,
- 11 yeah. It just put one after "traffic."
- 12 MR. GELLER: Okay. My next one is
- 13 findings, paragraph 4. Put a comma after "19."
- MS. POVERMAN: Paragraph 4?
- 15 MR. GELLER: Yes. Of findings.
- MS. POVERMAN: Yeah, I have that too,
- 17 actually.
- 18 MR. GELLER: 7, in the next-to-last line,
- 19 "four residential units on the second floor and with
- 20 nine..."
- 21 Paragraph 8, second line, "at 420 Harvard
- 22 Street."
- Paragraph 9, my suggestion for this,
- 24 because I found it just sort of running on, is that

- 1 in the second line after "that" you put a colon, then
- 2 continue it, and after "infeasible" semicolon, remove
- 3 the "and," continue to "massive," semicolon, remove
- 4 the "and," semicolon after "infeasible," remove the
- 5 "and," and continue down to "Harvard Street,"
- 6 next-to-last line, semicolon, leave the next "and."
- 7 The only other comment I had on that
- 8 section was before the phrase "small-commercial"
- 9 properties," third line from the bottom, should it
- 10 not be "the prevailing small scale commercial
- 11 properties"?
- MS. POVERMAN: Should be "prevailing type."
- MS. MORELLI: I was just incorporating
- 14 changes that you made. So I understand that you're
- 15 clarifying further, so you would like to say, "with
- 16 the prevailing small scale"?
- 17 MR. GELLER: Kate would like "type" in as
- 18 well.
- MS. POVERMAN: "Prevailing style of."
- MR. GELLER: Paragraph 12, "To demonstrate
- 21 site control over 49 Coolidge Street."
- 22 14.
- 23 MS. POVERMAN: I'm on 13. There's a
- 24 capitalization of "subsidizing agency" in the middle

- 1 that needs to be made.
- 2 MR. GELLER: Yup.
- In 14, you've got, on the third line, the
- 4 word "of" is italicized.
- 5 16, in the next-to-last-line, after "2016"
- 6 get rid of the comma, get rid of it after
- 7 "recommendations" on the same line, and then put it
- 8 after the word "board."
- 9 18, get rid of the comma after 2016,
- 10 capitalize "project."
- 11 19, four lines from the top of it,
- 12 "request" should be "requests."
- 13 Last line of that -- next-to-last-line of
- 14 that, "applicant has confirmed that the properties
- 15 will be held in common ownership in perpetuity and he
- 16 shall retain..."
- 17 MS. POVERMAN: Wait. Where are you?
- 18 MR. GELLER: Next-to-last line in 19.
- 19 MS. POVERMAN: "Applicant has confirmed
- 20 that he shall retain..."
- 21 MR. GELLER: That's actually not true.
- 22 Forget it. He's not going to hold it in perpetuity.
- 23 He may sell the entire property. Leave it alone.
- Paragraph 20, after the word "production,"

- 1 do we want to add the phrase "requiring cooking or
- 2 venting, or are we satisfied with just the broad
- 3 statement?
- 4 MS. POVERMAN: I like "requiring cooking or
- 5 venting."
- 6 MR. GELLER: Because if they decide to
- 7 slice carrots on a board, that's food preparation.
- 8 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yup.
- 9 MR. GELLER: Paragraph 24, just
- 10 capitalize -- there are two references to "project"
- 11 that need to be capitalized.
- 12 And then my first comment under the
- 13 conditions isn't until --
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Can we go back to 22 for a
- 15 second?
- 16 MR. GELLER: Sure.
- 17 MS. SCHNEIDER: Because that doesn't seem
- 18 consistent with slicing carrots on a board.
- MS. MORELLI: It's drawn from language from
- 20 Pat Maloney's letter, so that was the request, but --
- MS. SCHNEIDER: But, I mean, if we're okay
- 22 with chopping a salad because it doesn't require
- 23 ventilation, then I think that narrowing this --
- MR. GELLER: Well, I agree with you.

- 1 Here's the issue: The issue is that the letter that
- 2 we have from the board of health is prefaced on a
- 3 narrower use, and the applicant has said he's okay
- 4 with that narrower use. So let's not -- if the
- 5 applicant says he's okay with it, I don't know that
- 6 we -- I generally would agree with you.
- 7 MS. SCHNEIDER: But, then, I guess, do we
- 8 need to go back to 20 and take out the requested
- 9 changes so that it's consistent with 22?
- 10 MS. PALERMO: Yeah. I also have a
- 11 question. Because the way it's written now, it's
- 12 limited to coffee. What if someone wanted to do tea?
- 13 How about tea? I mean, it's just -- I don't know.
- 14 Is that -- do we really want to be that restrictive?
- 15 MR. GELLER: Again, I think that
- 16 traditionally, when you're trying to define uses,
- 17 particularly in a restaurant context, you define them
- 18 by the usage of mechanical systems like venting and
- 19 cooking rather than trying to define them by the
- 20 types of products that they're preparing.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: I agree.
- MR. GELLER: So I think that the flaw in it
- 23 is the way in which the letter was expressed. Right?
- 24 Because he's thinking about foods, trying to explain

- 1 it that way.
- 2 MS. SCHNEIDER: So what do we do?
- 3 MS. MORELLI: Except hot beverages?
- 4 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. But what if someone
- 5 wanted to make a milkshake or a smoothie?
- 6 MR. GELLER: Or slice a roll.
- 7 MS. SCHNEIDER: Or slice a roll or a bagel
- 8 that was purchased elsewhere? I mean, I think that
- 9 was always the concept that the board was comfortable
- 10 with.
- 11 MR. GELLER: It's about venting and
- 12 cooking, is really what it's about.
- MS. PALERMO: So your suggestion is we
- 14 rewrite 20 to say it will not be used for food
- 15 preparation or production requiring venting or
- 16 cooking. And then on the --
- 17 MS. SCHNEIDER: What if we said something
- 18 like, "no food preparation requiring ventilation will
- 19 be conducted on the site"?
- MS. MORELLI: Well, it's more than that
- 21 because he's reviewing a trash plan.
- MS. POVERMAN: What about something like,
- 23 "the preliminary trash plan assumes that food
- 24 preparation will be consistent with paragraph 20

- 1 above"?
- MS. SCHNEIDER: But I think it doesn't.
- 3 Right? Isn't that the problem?
- 4 MR. GELLER: Right.
- 5 MS. MORELLI: You know, I'm just a
- 6 little -- I don't know how strict Pat Maloney was
- 7 being when he said that he was reviewing his trash
- 8 plan. Maybe he doesn't want sandwiches prepared on
- 9 the site. Maybe he expects them to be, you know,
- 10 packaged -- brought in. Because we're talking about
- 11 the amount of waste this kind of -- so you -- like,
- 12 making a smoothie. But, like, what if someone is
- 13 chopping melons and there's all of these peels? His
- 14 issue is food scraps, all of that waste, and that's
- 15 what he was evaluating.
- MR. GELLER: So is your recommendation we
- 17 change "coffee" to "hot beverages"?
- 18 MS. POVERMAN: I think we need to ask him.
- 19 MS. MORELLI: I think we should just -- I
- 20 would feel more comfortable saying "hot beverages"
- 21 because I really feel that he's not talking about --
- MS. POVERMAN: Well, we need to allow iced
- 23 tea.
- MS. MORELLI: We're talking about something

- 1 that's, like, using equipment to heat. And we're
- 2 also, I think in his mind, talking about preparation
- 3 that creates waste. And that's the -- the trash plan
- 4 is not so much about ventilation. The ventilation
- 5 has really nothing to do with the trash. It has
- 6 everything to do with the type of trash that's being
- 7 generated. That stuff has be separated from the
- 8 rest. How you treat those food scraps from the
- 9 melons you're using to make smoothies, for instance.
- 10 MS. SCHNEIDER: Do you think he's okay
- 11 expanding into coffee and tea?
- MR. GELLER: Hot beverages.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: I mean, tea bags obviously
- 14 are creating something, a different kind of waste,
- 15 coffee grinds.
- MS. PALERMO: Just say "coffee and tea."
- 17 MS. SCHNEIDER: Or you can -- I mean,
- 18 again, you raised a good point about smoothies. I
- 19 was not thinking about melon rinds.
- MS. POVERMAN: Bottled water.
- 21 MS. SCHNEIDER: That's not preparing. I
- 22 mean, if you're selling bottled water, you're selling
- 23 bottled water.
- MS. POVERMAN: Good point.

- 1 MS. PALERMO: Okay. Coffee and tea.
- 2 MR. GELLER: Let's jump back to 20. So
- 3 what if, instead of saying --
- 4 (Multiple parties speaking.)
- 5 MR. GELLER: So then 22, you want to use
- 6 something other than "hot beverages"? You want to
- 7 actually limit him to tea and coffee?
- 8 MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, what if he wants to
- 9 make hot chocolate? Yeah, hot beverages.
- 10 MS. POVERMAN: Honestly, iced tea, really.
- 11 We can't say hot beverages.
- 12 MS. PALERMO: They can only make or prepare
- 13 hot beverages. If someone wants to put in ice...
- MS. MORELLI: Well, I think the issue is if
- 15 you say "cold beverages," a smoothie is a cold
- 16 beverage. But what kind of trash are you generating?
- 17 MR. GELLER: All right. Here's my opinion:
- 18 We need to know from him what he was thinking of.
- 19 Rather than -- rather than trying to guess, we need
- 20 to know.
- MS. MORELLI: He did say, "except coffee,"
- 22 so I think we can extrapolate coffee and tea.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: We're better off saying
- 24 coffee or tea because it would be iced coffee or

- 1 iced --
- 2 MS. PALERMO: Right. Then you get the iced
- 3 in as opposed to saying hot beverages because hot --
- 4 MS. SCHNEIDER: In the case of lemonade,
- 5 they're not making lemonade. They're just pouring
- 6 it.
- 7 MS. POVERMAN: I know. But with all due
- 8 respect, I think we're putting ourselves into
- 9 contortions here when -- what would the harm be of
- 10 asking and --
- MS. MORELLI: Because the applicant really
- 12 said that he wanted a situation where the food would
- 13 be brought in and coffee would be made. And so it
- 14 was really that the applicant was being that
- 15 restrictive. So Pat was really talking about the
- 16 applicant's plans.
- 17 So we're not thinking about -- you know,
- 18 Pat isn't coming up with the scheme. He's really
- 19 responding to a very specific, very narrow -- narrow
- 20 intentions that the applicant discussed with him.
- 21 MS. POVERMAN: Well, I -- just to -- off
- 22 the top of my head, if I said, yeah, I want to make
- 23 coffee, I would think, yeah, that could include hot
- 24 chocolate. And I think being so restrictive that we

- 1 are preventing somebody from having hot chocolate --
- MS. MORELLI: They can come back before the
- 3 board. I mean, there's a whole licensing, you know,
- 4 process for this. There is a mechanism if anyone in
- 5 the future finds this restrictive. We can't think of
- 6 every single scenario.
- 7 MR. GELLER: It he finds that there is a
- 8 market swelling for a soft-use cafe at this site,
- 9 he'll be back.
- 10 MS. POVERMAN: Okay.
- 11 MS. SCHNEIDER: So does that leave us with
- 12 coffee and tea?
- 13 MR. GELLER: Yes.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
- MR. GELLER: As insane as I think it is.
- 16 5?
- 17 MS. POVERMAN: We're at Condition 5?
- 18 MR. GELLER: Yes.
- 19 MS. POVERMAN: Actually, back to No. 28 in
- 20 findings, capitalize "conditions."
- 21 MR. GELLER: Okay. 5, I'm concerned that
- 22 we slide into different ways of defining the things
- 23 that are not the residential units. I'd like to
- 24 stick with the commercial space, which we seem to use

- 1 most frequently. So rather than "nonresidential
- 2 space," let's refer to it as "commercial space." And
- 3 in the context of that language, I'd prefer it to
- 4 read, "Parking at the 49 Coolidge Street parcel shall
- 5 be used solely by the employees of the commercial
- 6 tenants -- the commercial space tenants."
- 7 In 8, I think you need to delete in the
- 8 second line, "and maximum number."
- 9 MS. POVERMAN: So just the total number?
- 10 MR. GELLER: No. "The total maximum number
- 11 of bedrooms shall be 46, and the maximum number of
- 12 units" -- and then delete "and maximum number,"
- 13 unless you're referring to, "and maximum number of
- 14 bedrooms."
- 15 MS. MORELLI: Right. It's repetitive.
- MR. GELLER: 13, three lines from the
- 17 bottom, "town arborist and," insert the word "and."
- MS. POVERMAN: Where are we?
- MR. GELLER: Paragraph 13, page 8.
- 20 Page 9, 16, sub 6.
- MS. POVERMAN: Wait. I have something on
- 22 16.
- MR. GELLER: Okay.
- MS. POVERMAN: So in paragraph 16, on the

- 1 last line, it should -- rather than saying -- well,
- 2 okay. So it should say, reading the whole thing,
- 3 "Prior to the issuance of the building permit, the
- 4 applicant shall submit a rubbish/recycling plan and
- 5 schedule to the chief of environmental health for
- 6 review and a determination of compliance with the
- 7 town regulations." Capitalize, "Said plan shall
- 8 include provisions quaranteeing that."
- 9 MR. GELLER: Okay. Next page, 16B,
- 10 "420 Harvard Street."
- 11 And at the end of both C and D, insert,
- 12 "shall be located within the trash room."
- And then you've got E in italics.
- MS. POVERMAN: And then semicolons too.
- MR. GELLER: Sub K, "No food shall be
- 16 prepared within the commercial space. Prospective
- 17 retail tenants selling coffee or tea" --
- 18 MS. PALERMO: Or both.
- 19 MR. GELLER: -- "shall remain subject to
- 20 local licensing and other approvals relative to the
- 21 sale of food and beverages."
- MS. POVERMAN: I'm sorry. "Shall remain
- 23 subject to the" --
- MS. SCHNEIDER: -- "local licensing and

- 1 other approvals relative to the sale of food and
- 2 beverages."
- 3 MS. POVERMAN: Okay. 18, "Plantings
- 4 between the property line at 44 Fuller Street and" --
- 5 add "site" between -- site and driveway -- "site
- 6 driveway."
- 7 MR. GELLER: "Site driveway," yeah.
- 8 22, five lines down, "The placement of
- 9 machinery, supplies or equipment."
- 10 And then I had a question on 25.
- MS. POVERMAN: 22, add "or any" -- on the
- 12 last -- second-to-last line, "or any alteration."
- 13 MR. GELLER: Right.
- 14 So the question on 25 is -- it's about
- 15 changes in materials, colors, and window profiles,
- 16 and it suggests that a change of these thing is, per
- 17 se, not material. In other words, they wouldn't have
- 18 to come back to us, that it can unilaterally be
- 19 decided by Polly Selkoe. Was that the intent?
- MS. MORELLI: Well, this is a -- yeah. I
- 21 don't think you discussed that in particular.
- MR. GELLER: We didn't.
- 23 MS. MORELLI: So it is a vestige from
- 24 another case that was in a local historic district

- 1 where the planning board actually was the final
- 2 arbiter. But in a case like this, it is consistent
- 3 with -- I mean --
- 4 MS. SCHNEIDER: It's a design review.
- 5 MS. MORELLI: It's a design review, I
- 6 think, because Polly -- you know, Polly Selkoe is
- 7 going to be looking at the plans that were approved
- 8 under Item 4, and if there are changes, it's just
- 9 really ensuring that it's --
- 10 MR. GELLER: That's the key part. I don't
- 11 know if she -- right. I think she can make a
- 12 determination of whether it's consistent with the
- 13 plans that have been submitted. That's fine. But if
- 14 it goes materially beyond that, it's got to come back
- 15 to us. That's the point I'm trying to make.
- 16 MS. MORELLI: So are you talking about --
- 17 you're not talking about significant changes the way
- 18 it's defined. You're just talking about --
- 19 MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, I think you want to
- 20 take out "review and approval." I think you want to
- 21 say, "review for consistency."
- MS. PALERMO: Or "for a determination."
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Or "review for a
- 24 determination of consistency."

- 1 MS. MORELLI: Then you maybe want to take
- out "changes." Because what she's really going to be 2
- confined to is if the applicant is replacing any 3
- 4 exterior materials, they have to be replaced in kind.
- 5 That's what you're expecting.
- 6 MR. GELLER: Right.
- 7 MS. MORELLI: So before "the applicant
- 8 replaces, delete or changes.
- 9 MS. SCHNEIDER: Wait a minute. So do you
- 10 think that if they -- after this project is built, if
- 11 they make any changes, they've got to potentially
- 12 come back?
- MR. GELLER: No. If they make any material 13
- changes. And that's the tricky part, figuring out 14
- 15 what's a material change and what isn't. And,
- 16 frankly, of the things that they're listing here:
- 17 materials, colors, and window profiles, the only one
- 18 that would concern me is the window profiles.
- 19 MS. POVERMAN: Well, the materials could be
- considered -- I mean, let's say you have a nice 20
- 21 material and they were going to --
- 22 MR. GELLER: We're going to go to velvet.
- 23 We want velvet walls.
- 24 MS. POVERMAN: Velvet walls, yeah, you

- 1 know, and we want clowns on them.
- 2 MR. GELLER: Right, because we have a lot
- 3 of those.
- 4 MS. POVERMAN: Well, let's say they decide
- 5 to go to aluminum siding instead of brick. That's a
- 6 big change.
- 7 MR. GELLER: Right. That's my point.
- 8 You can look at Alison, but we're assuming
- 9 she's not going to significantly change what -- the
- 10 project that has been --
- 11 MS. MORELLI: On another case, that --
- 12 well, are you doing this consistently with the other
- 13 cases that you're sitting on? Are we singling this
- 14 out?
- MR. GELLER: My intention is not to single
- 16 this case out. My intention is to look at this
- 17 language and see what the -- because my understanding
- 18 is if there's a material change, they're supposed to
- 19 come back to us.
- MS. MORELLI: If there's a significant
- 21 change.
- MR. GELLER: Okay. And I don't want to
- 23 have to try and -- I don't want to give up that
- 24 authority, per se, by the language of the decision.

- 1 MS. MORELLI: Then perhaps we should put a
- qualifying statement, "unless it" --2
- 3 MR. GELLER: -- "is a material" --
- 4 MS. MORELLI: "Unless it is a significant
- 5 change as defined by regulations at..."
- 6 MR. GELLER: Fine.
- 7 MS. SCHNEIDER: That's a great resolution.
- 8 MS. POVERMAN: Well, how do we determine
- 9 whether it's a material change?
- 10 MS. MORELLI: If it's literally a
- 11 significant change as defined by the state regs.
- 12 MS. POVERMAN: From the state regs which
- 13 say when a material --
- 14 MS. MORELLI: It's really not about
- 15 materials. It's about, really, if the size of the
- 16 project is changing.
- 17 MS. POVERMAN: No. What I'm concerned
- 18 about, honestly, is something like going to aluminum
- 19 or some much-cheaper material. Not in this project
- necessarily, but it could happen down the line. I 20
- think we should have similar language in all of our 21
- 22 projects because there could be a situation where
- 23 somebody says, okay, this particular siding is too
- 24 expensive and I'm just going to go with a much

- cheaper one. They tell us what sort of building 1
- 2 material they're using as they present the project to
- 3 us, and if they change that, shouldn't we know?
- 4 MS. SCHNEIDER: I'm just not sure that
- 5 that's within the purview of the board under 40B. Ι
- 6 mean, we're not supposed to be --
- 7 MS. POVERMAN: Well, where is the design --
- 8 MS. PALERMO: But this is after the
- 9 issuance of a final -- the building is built. This
- 10 is if in the future they change it. This is -- the
- 11 C of Os been issued, after issuance of the final
- 12 C of O.
- 13 MS. POVERMAN: Okay.
- 14 MS. MORELLI: This is really a vestige from
- 15 a case that's in an LHD. Now, 40Bs, you don't have
- 16 copper and slate and -- you know, there are a lot of
- 17 materials that you would require in a LHD that you're
- 18 just not going to have --
- 19 MS. POVERMAN: Yeah, okay. That makes
- 20 sense.
- 21 MR. GELLER: I like Johanna's --
- 22 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, unless it's
- 23 significantly --
- 24 MR. GELLER: Right.

1 MS. PALERMO: As defined by --2 MR. GELLER: Kate, you like that? MS. POVERMAN: That's fine with me. 3 4 MR. GELLER: Okay. Next, in 27, "The two 5 lots shall remain in, " add the word "in". 6 And then in 28, do we mean 50 percent of 7 the COs for the residential units? 8 MS. MORELLI: It's not about 50 percent --9 I know it seems subtle, but we did spend some time 10 talking about this, I think, with Mr. Bennett 11 present. 12 MR. GELLER: Yeah, he was here. I remember 13 that. 14 30, third line down, "and 44 Fuller 15 Street, " take out "sharing a lot line" -- take out 16 "sharing a lot line with the site," because you don't 17 need it. If you're going to reference just those 18 particular street addresses, you don't need to 19 further define what they are. Okay? "Subject to 20 receipt from abutters of right of access." MS. MORELLI: "Of access, period." 21 22 MR. GELLER: Correct. 23 MS. POVERMAN: "Of rights of access"?

MR. GELLER: Uh-huh.

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- 1 32, first line, "Contemporaneously with
- 2 sending or within 10 days of receiving any and all
- 3 correspondence to or from, " not "with."
- 4 33, next-to-last line, "including in leases
- 5 for the commercial spaces language mandating MBTA
- 6 pass subsidies," and you can take out "are available"
- 7 and leave in "to employees."
- 8 MS. POVERMAN: Could you read the whole
- 9 thing?
- 10 MR. GELLER: Sure. "Five, including in
- 11 leases for the commercial spaces language mandating
- 12 MBTA pass subsidies to employees."
- MS. POVERMAN: Language mandating, okay.
- 14 MR. GELLER: We're not telling them how
- 15 much. We're just saying --
- 16 MS. POVERMAN: Language mandating MBTA --
- 17 may I suggest alternative language?
- 18 MR. GELLER: Sure.
- 19 MS. POVERMAN: "Including language in
- 20 leases for the commercial spaces notifying lessees
- 21 that MBTA pass subsidies are available to employees."
- MR. GELLER: Yeah. That's not the way you
- 23 usually would draft that.
- MS. POVERMAN: Okay.

- 1 MR. GELLER: So when -- usually when you
- put in language into a decision for a transportation 2
- access plan, you are pushing the applicant to utilize 3
- 4 public transit. And the way you do that is you make
- 5 them build into their commercial leases language that
- 6 requires some level of undefined participation,
- 7 subsidization.
- 8 MS. POVERMAN: Okay.
- 9 MR. GELLER: So that when he signs up his
- 10 cafe tenants that he's not going to have, he puts in
- 11 that lease that they have to subsidize a certain
- 12 number of employees or offer them MBTA passes.
- 13 That's the way --
- 14 MS. POVERMAN: Got it.
- 15 MR. GELLER: And we don't try and force
- 16 them into a certain threshold.
- 17 Okay. 35, next-to-last line, "provided
- 18 that there shall, at all times, be no fewer than..."
- 19 Okay. 38.
- 20 MS. POVERMAN: Oh.
- MR. GELLER: Yup. Go ahead, Kate. 21
- 22 MS. POVERMAN: It's the same thing, but
- 23 that there's an there extra period before "prior to,"
- 24 so just delete a period in 38.

- 1 MS. MORELLI: Yeah. It's just the auto
- 2 correct. That, I have to just clean up.
- 3 MR. GELLER: In the third line, "the
- 4 affordable units and market-rate units."
- 5 MR. ENGLER: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a
- 6 question?
- 7 MR. GELLER: Sure.
- 8 MR. ENGLER: Your 35 comment, "at all
- 9 times, doesn't really -- not consistent with the
- 10 regulation to say -- the regulatory agreement to say,
- 11 if you've reached 140 percent of your income, you now
- 12 pay market rents, and the next unit that's available
- 13 has to become affordable. You can't say "at all
- 14 times, because there might be a couple-week period
- 15 when somebody's designated market and the next
- 16 vacancy becomes affordable. That's the way it works,
- 17 so I just -- I think the language is too restrictive.
- 18 MR. GELLER: Okay. If that's the case,
- 19 okay. Fine. Thank you.
- 20 42, "Regulatory agreement" needs to be
- 21 capitalized. It's -- looks like it's the second line
- 22 after the deletions.
- 23 And then five lines down, "project" needs
- 24 to capitalized, five lines down from that.

- 1 And then another four lines down,
- 2 "regulatory agreement" capitalized.
- And then in the last line, "customary in
- 4 terms of the town's" -- apostrophe S -- regulatory
- 5 agreements.
- In 43, in the second line, "agent for the
- 7 project," because we've defined that -- "for the
- 8 period commencing at expiration of..."
- 9 MS. POVERMAN: Expiration of what?
- 10 MR. GELLER: It just continues on.
- 11 MS. POVERMAN: Okay. I have a question
- 12 about the first line of 43. So it says, "When the
- 13 applicant shall" -- sorry -- "The applicant shall
- 14 retain the town or a consultant." Is it a consultant
- 15 the town designates as a monitoring agent?
- MS. PALERMO: Yes.
- 17 MS. POVERMAN: Okay. Then can we add the
- 18 consultant? So instead saying, "The applicant shall
- 19 retain the town or a consultant the town designates
- 20 as the monitoring agent."
- 21 MR. GELLER: Okay. 44, is "replacement
- 22 town regulatory agreement" the defined term? I
- 23 assume "replacement" should be a lowercase R.
- MS. MORELLI: You know, that's just the

- 1 title of the exhibit, I think.
- 2 MR. GELLER: Okay. And six lines down
- 3 before the word "applicant," insert "the." Next line
- 4 down before the word "applicant" in two places put in
- 5 the word "the."
- 6 45, capitalize "building permit."
- 7 46, next-to-last line, capitalize
- 8 "market-rate units."
- 9 47, after the word "ensure," take out
- 10 "including without limitation."
- 11 MS. POVERMAN: In 47 you also need to
- 12 capitalize "building permit."
- MS. MORELLI: It is capitalized.
- MS. POVERMAN: Oh, you're right. I'm
- 15 sorry.
- MS. MORELLI: That's okay.
- 17 MR. GELLER: That's it.
- MS. MORELLI: In Exhibit 2, are there any
- 19 changes?
- MR. GELLER: Not for me.
- 21 And then anybody have any comments on the
- 22 waiver list?
- MS. POVERMAN: On Exhibit 2, I had some
- 24 comments before we get into that.

- 1 MR. GELLER: I don't have any comments. Do
- 2 you?
- 3 MS. POVERMAN: I do.
- 4 MR. GELLER: Okay. I thought that's what
- 5 we just raised. Go ahead.
- 6 MS. POVERMAN: Yeah. I hadn't gotten there
- 7 yet.
- 8 So on page 1, Exhibit 2, so I suggest that
- 9 you say at the top, "JFK Crossing, 420 Harvard,
- 10 49 Coolidge Comprehensive Permit, because that's
- 11 what it's referring to.
- 12 And then in the first paragraph, one, two,
- 13 three, four, five down, "We'll set forth," instead of
- 14 "for the."
- 15 Paragraph 2, "Regulatory Agreements. It is
- 16 the intention of the comprehensive permit that the
- 17 project will" -- instead of "would" -- "in
- 18 perpetuity..."
- 19 Then going down, one, two, three -- on
- 20 No. 2, one, two, three, four, five lines, it's
- 21 Condition 42, it's not -- take out 34. It's
- 22 condition 42 and 43 of the comprehensive permit, I
- 23 believe.
- MR. GELLER: That's what it says.

- 1 MS. MORELLI: I crossed out --
- 2 MS. POVERMAN: Sorry. I'm confusing the
- 3 blue and the red. So I would say, "Conditions 42 and
- 4 43 of the comprehensive permit for a regulatory
- 5 agreement, " just to make it clear.
- 6 Then "From and immediately after the
- 7 expiration or termination of the subsidizing agency
- 8 agreement" -- hold on a second -- so the town shall
- 9 enter into an agreement? And I'm not sure who it
- 10 enters into an agreement with because that sentence
- 11 is kind of confusing. Who does it enter into an
- 12 agreement with?
- 13 MR. GELLER: The owner of the property.
- 14 MS. MORELLI: It's the owner of the
- 15 property that's entering into an agreement. It's not
- 16 the town that's entering -- the town is really just
- 17 the monitoring agent.
- 18 MR. GELLER: Well, the regulatory agreement
- 19 is entered into by the owner for the benefit of the
- 20 town.
- MS. POVERMAN: So when it says, "an
- 22 agreement shall be entered into, "who's entering into
- 23 that agreement?
- MR. ENGLER: The owner and the town.

- 1 MS. MORELLI: Well, you know, it's -- if
- 2 you look at paragraph 1, the applicant will be
- 3 entering into a regulatory agreement, so I would just
- 4 repeat that structure in saying the applicant or --
- 5 they're the owner.
- 6 MS. POVERMAN: The owner shall enter into
- 7 an agreement containing the terms of this exhibit?
- 8 MR. GELLER: Yup.
- 9 MS. POVERMAN: Okay. Number 3,
- 10 "Affordability Requirements: Pursuant to the terms
- 11 of condition" -- I think it's 34 and not 26.
- MS. MORELLI: I was just writing, so where
- 13 are you?
- MS. POVERMAN: I'm sorry. Paragraph 3, the
- 15 first line, it think it's Condition 34, not 26.
- And then the next page, three down, it
- 17 should be "successor agency," not "successory
- 18 agency."
- Okay. And then four paragraphs down, so
- 20 the second under "monitoring and enforcement," four
- 21 lines, "provided in Condition" -- it's not 26. It's
- 22 43 of the comprehensive permit.
- MS. MORELLI: Did you say 43 or 34?
- MS. POVERMAN: 43.

1 MS. MORELLI: 43. And on the previous page 2 you said 43? 3 MS. POVERMAN: 34. 4 Next page, second line of the page -- I'm 5 sorry, first line -- starts "The public interest." 6 It should be, "The term" -- never mind -- should be 7 "the term of the" -- so the top line should be, "The 8 term of the town regulatory agreement, the rental 9 restrictions, and the other requirements provided therein shall remain effective" -- put in 10 "effective" -- "for so long as the project exists". 11 12 And then in the final paragraph, six lines 13 up from the bottom, the line that begins "covenants." "The covenants running with the land shall be deemed 14 to be satisfied in full and" -- take out "that" --15 16 "any requirements of privileges. " 17 And that's it. 18 MR. GELLER: Okay. Anybody have any 19 questions on the waiver key, or whatever it's called? 20 (No audible response.) 21 MR. GELLER: Maria, questions? You all 22 set? 23 MS. MORELLI: No. MR. GELLER: Okay. So what I want to do 24

- 1 next is -- we have a few votes that we need to take.
- 2 The first is we actually need to vote on whether to
- 3 grant this comprehensive permit.
- 4 Anybody want to make a motion?
- 5 MS. SCHNEIDER: I move to vote to approve
- 6 subject to the conditions in the decision.
- 7 MR. GELLER: Okay. Anyone want to second?
- 8 MS. PALERMO: Second.
- 9 MR. GELLER: All in favor?
- 10 (All affirmative.)
- 11 MR. GELLER: So it's a unanimous grant of
- 12 the comprehensive permit subject to the conditions as
- 13 we've -- findings and conditions in the language of
- 14 the decision as we work through them.
- 15 The second vote that I want to take is --
- 16 obviously there needs to be some editing, still, of
- 17 this document, and we have a period of 40 days, so
- 18 that's not the issue. The issue is Maria needs to
- 19 have the ability to get this into final order, and
- 20 one lucky party needs to be authorized to sign the
- 21 decision.
- 22 So my suggestion is we follow the paradigm
- 23 from the 40 Centre Street case, because we're pretty
- 24 far along on this, which is that I would suggest that

- 1 Maria circulate a cleaned-up, redlined version of
- 2 this to all of the members. I would remind the
- 3 members that you are not permitted to speak to each
- 4 other, but you could direct comments to Maria and she
- 5 can make further revisions to the document and then
- 6 recirculate the documents to each of us.
- What I would ask is that the board vote to
- 8 authorize me, once Maria's given the all-clear, to
- 9 sign the decision on behalf of the board.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: So moved.
- 11 MS. PALERMO: Second.
- 12 MR. GELLER: All in favor?
- 13 (All affirmative.)
- MR. GELLER: Okay. Any other business?
- No. You're shaking your head. You're
- 16 sure? You don't want to drag this out?
- Okay. Well, I want to thank everyone
- 18 and -- yes, Alison?
- MS. STEINFELD: I'm sure you wanted to
- 20 acknowledge Kristen.
- 21 MR. GELLER: I do, and I apologize for not
- 22 doing so. Thank you. You have worked exceptionally
- 23 hard.
- 24 (Proceedings adjourned at 7:51 p.m.)

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